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EFFINGHAM COUNTY MAN SENTENCED IN METHAMPHETAMINE CASE

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on this date, **SHAWN FINLEY**, age 24, of Deiterich, Effingham County, Illinois, was sentenced in United States District Court, Benton, Illinois, following his guilty plea to Conspiracy to Manufacture, Distribute and Possess with Intent to Distribute Methamphetamine; Distribution of Methamphetamine (three counts); and Possession of Materials used to Manufacture Methamphetamine. He was sentenced to a total of 262 months' imprisonment, 10 years' supervised release, a \$500 fine and a \$500 special assessment. There is no parole in the federal system.

According to court documents, the conspiracy operated in and around Effingham County, Illinois, from November 2004 through August 25, 2005.

The ongoing investigation into methamphetamine manufacturing activities in Effingham County, Illinois, is being conducted by the Effingham County Sheriff's Department and the Effingham City Police Department in cooperation with the Effingham County State's Attorney Edward Deters. The ongoing investigation is conducted as part of the Effingham County Project Safe Neighborhoods DRAGUN Team Initiative, a cooperative effort of local, state and federal law enforcement, and state and federal prosecuting authorities, aimed at ridding communities of drugs and guns. The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Kit Morrissey.